3. Khavas
4. Sagar
5. Kansara
6. Chaki

The Commission would tender its advice to the Government after holding public hearing in respect of above mentioned 6 communities.

Inclusion of Ravalta and Jaunpuri tribes of Uttaranchal in the ST List

583. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision for inclusion of Ravalta and Jaunpuri Tribes of the Nogaon, Purali and Mari development areas of Uttarakhashi district and Theyoor Jaunpur development areas of Tehri-Garhwal district of Uttaranchal in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if not, since when the matter is pending before Government; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken for inclusion of the said tribes in the list in the light of the direction issued by the Supreme Court dated the 8th July, 1996 in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttaranchal, vide their letter dated 28-8-2001, had recommended the inclusion of Ravaltas & Jaunpuris in the list of Scheduled Tribes of that State. The proposal is to be processed as per the approved modalities.

(c) No specific time schedule can be indicated at his stage, since the matter involves consultation with the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Commercialization of various art and craft of Tribals

584. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to promote and commercialize the various art and craft of the different tribals of the country to help them to be more economically strong;

(b) if so, the details of any such projects or proposals on which Government are willing to undertake;

(c) the ground work prepared till date by Government on the same; and

(d) by when tribals would be economically independent based on such projects or proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Government is promoting the overall development and commercialization of various arts and crafts, including those of tribals, through various schemes under the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textile. Besides this, the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has opened an outlet called "TRIBES" since April 1999 for marketing handicrafts, artifacts and textiles made by the tribals.

(b) and (c) The schemes and projects for promotion and commercialization of various arts and crafts, including those of tribals, under the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) include the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), training & extension, design & technical upgradation, marketing support & services, research & development, financial assistance to State handicrafts development corporations/apex societies and export promotion etc.

(d) The schemes have given encouraging results in the upliftment of economic condition of artisans (tribals as well as non-tribals). However, no specific time-frame can be drawn up to make all the tribals economically independent, and often handicrafts is not their sole means of livelihood.

Naxalites activities in Tribal areas

585. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been considerable increase in the activities of naxalites in the areas which have a high concentration of tribal population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to control the incidence of violence in these areas?